

November 2010

Grannie's Tree, My Tree

By Arianna Watkins

This beautiful tree bloomed in Grannie's front yard Saturday, May 2, 1999. This beautiful tree was all alone in Grannie's front yard, all by itself, until a cheerful little girl came along. She was scared of its cuts, holes, and scars, but she loved that deciduous tree so much. Everyday when she went to Grannie's house, she would ask Granny if she could read with her under the tree. She'd give the tree a hug. She'd kiss the tree. She loved the tree. She'd even try to speak to the tree. This was her tree. She loved the smooth and bumpiness of the tree. She loved the beautiful white of the tree. She loved everything about this tree. This beautiful tree was special. There was something magical about this tree. Because when she got older, this tree helped her come up with new ideas for stories. And you know what? That little girl is probably writing this essay you are reading. My favorite tree is the birch bark tree.

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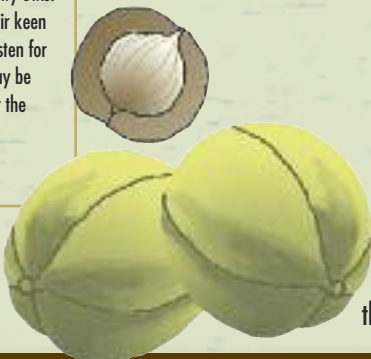
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5 Why do white-tailed deer need the forest?	6
7 Daylight Savings ends. Set your clocks back one hour.	8 Peak mallard migration.	9 Leave brush piles for wildlife. They make great winter dens!	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Go on a nest hunt. They're easy to spot in bare trees.
14	15 America Recycles Day – Americans today recycle about half of the paper products they use.	16 Fun Forestry Fact: Did you know that rotting logs and leaves eventually turn into soil and put nutrients back into the ground for other plants to use as they grow?	17	18 Look for flocks of migrating swans.	19	20 Opening weekend – traditional gun deer season
21 Full (Beaver) Moon	22	23 Raccoons moving into winter quarters. They increase their weight by 120 percent to survive the winter!	24	25 Thanksgiving Day – Do any of the foods from your feast come from the forest?	26	27
28	29	30 Look for snowy owls. They use their keen hearing to listen for prey that may be hiding under the snow.				

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Fruit

Hickory fruit is a *nut* borne singly or in pairs and globular in shape. It is enclosed in a husk that is thick and deeply grooved at the seams, and it splits entirely into 4 parts. The nuts are flat and light-brown colored, and the shell is thin with a sweet kernel.

Shagbark Hickory

(*Carya ovata*)

Form

The Hickory is a large tree that grows to a height of 60 to 100 feet. It has an open, rounded crown with conspicuous shaggy bark.

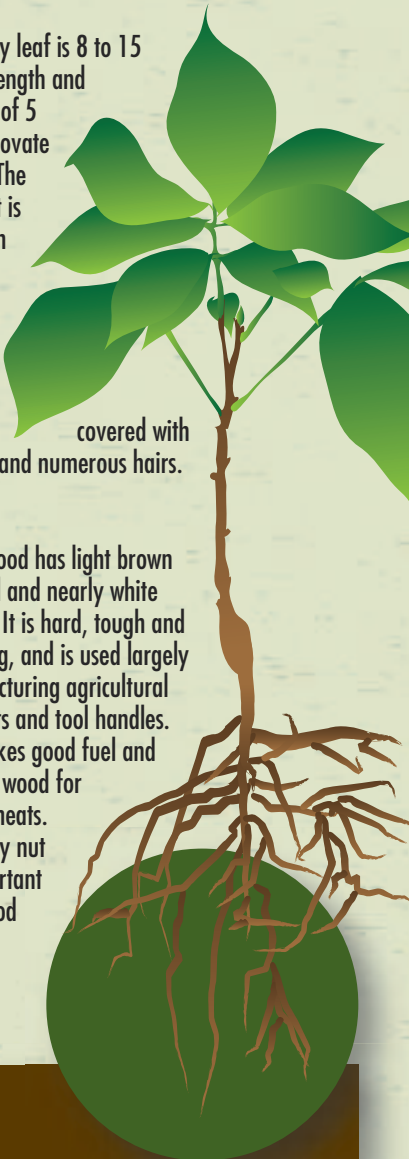
Leaf

The hickory leaf is 8 to 15 inches in length and composed of 5 (rarely 7) ovate leaflets. The end leaflet is larger than other leaflets, and the margin of each is

covered with fine teeth and numerous hairs.

Wood

Hickory wood has light brown heartwood and nearly white sapwood. It is hard, tough and very strong, and is used largely in manufacturing agricultural implements and tool handles. It also makes good fuel and is the best wood for smoking meats. The hickory nut is an important wildlife food source.



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